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**Wednesday, August 19, 2015**  
**Daily Update**

### **1. Press (7)**

A. Inquiry or Interview [handled in press office]

1. Gold Mine Spill: Cindy Yurth The Navajo Times 928-814-7337 Oil in relief water, FWD to JIC
2. Matthew.Tresaugue@chron.com' Houston Chron DrillChem spill update FWD to TCEQ with input from Nick B.
3. Yammie 414-526-7374, Fox SA, Contaminated water at Federal Facility, called back but she didnt answer. PENDING

G. Other

4. Sent: Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council
5. Started H&S training
6. Worked with XA re: DWF Ozone PR
7. Worked XA re: congressional inquiry and Restore meeting on web

### **2. Web (12)**

A. Web Updates

1. Fanning uploaded earth1r6\water\npdes\sw\ms4\2015conference\index.html to Buckeye for 6WQ.
2. Fanning uploaded Earth1r6\6pd\air\pd-r\ghg\ballblue.gif to Buckeye for 6PD.
3. Fanning uploaded Earth1r6\6pd\air\pd-r\ghg\index.htm to Buckeye for 6PD.
4. Fanning uploaded earth1r6\water\npdes\greeninfrastructure\funding.html to Buckeye for 6WQ.
5. Fanning uploaded five files to Buckeye for 6WQ: earth1r6\water\npdes\finalpermit\index.html, earth1r6\water\npdes\finalpermit\0439\_001.pdf, earth1r6\water\npdes\finalpermit\0440\_001.pdf, earth1r6\water\npdes\finalpermit\0442\_001.pdf, earth1r6\water\npdes\finalpermit\0443\_001.pdf.

C. Intranet

6. Assunto updated This Week in Congress on R6 intranet
7. Assunto updated This Weekin State and Local Govt on R6 intranet

F. Other

8. Fanning attended web editorial board meeting.
9. Met with Mark Berry about Web outreach.
10. Ran the Region 6 Web Editorial Board meeting. Main topics were EJ/Tribal requirements and the new state pages.
11. Worked on PDF form deployments.
12. Worked with Gabe Gruta on Environmental pages.

### **3. Social Media (5)**

A. Facebook

1. Fanning shared HQ FB post and photo on GKM: crops are safe.
2. Fanning shared HQ FB post and photo on GKM: re-opening of the Animas River.
- B. Twitter
3. Fanning retweeted HQ tweet and photo on GKM: crops are safe.
4. Fanning retweeted HQ tweet and photo on GKM: re-opening of the Animas River.
- C. Other
5. Fanning provided draft SM re Pineville MVD public meeting on 8/24.

## **5. Liaisons (7)**

### **A. Inquiries/Responses**

1. Martindale Inquiry from Congressman Westerman's Office Regarding Spraying of Pesticide. Working with 6PD for the response
2. Martindale Inquiry from Senator Cruz's Office Regarding the Gulf Coast Restoration Council Meeting on August 20, 2015, in Corpus Christi.

### **C. Grants Concurred**

3. Martindale Award Document Concurrence for FY15 Section 319(H) Categorical Nonpoint Source for Texas
4. Martindale Award Document Concurrence on TX Drinking Water SRF FFY15 Allocation

### **H. Meetings**

5. Assunto participated in Region 6 Web Workgroup meeting

### **I. Other**

6. Assunto reviewed HQ Admin Rep for accuracy
7. Martindale Information Packet for RA Travel to Sunland Park, New Mexico

## **9. Emergencies (3)**

1. Assunto participated in internal press call for gkmr
2. Assunto sent email to congressionals about the next conference call for GKMR
3. Assunto sent out new epa update to email groups of cong and media

## **10. Other (5)**

1. Wang coordinated KAT 10 event with Danny Wiegand
2. Wang submitted draft RA Briefing Package for Sunland Park, NM to 6XA Management
3. Wang submitted draft RA Briefing Package for New Orleans, LA to 6XA Management
4. Wang updated ORO RA Calendar Report
5. Wang updated SCOUT

## **11. Today/Upcoming (14)**

### **B. Items of Interest**

1. 0820 - On August 20, pursuant to a consent decree deadline (Deadline is August 30), EPA intends to finalize disapproval of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. DFW air quality has significantly improved over the last decade. EPA revised the 8-hour health-based standard for ozone in 2008. EPA finalized guidelines for the revised standard, including plans to revoke the 1997 ozone standard for all purposes and to no longer reclassify areas under the old standard. Ten years ago, the 8-hour average was 98 parts per billion (ppb); the preliminary value for 2010-2014 is 81 ppb. Since the Area is currently in attainment for the 1997 standard, this final action also establishes anti-backsliding requirements in the State clean-air plan.
2. 0828 - On August 28, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry will tour the Sunland Park Wastewater System. NADBANK and the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority signed an \$8M grant agreement in June for the construction of a WWTP. The State of NM has also put \$3.7M towards the construction costs. This facility will help put water back in the river after processing wastewater in an environmentally safe way.
3. 0828 - On August 28, several Region 6 Superfund sites will have five-year reviews. They are as follows: Sol Lynn in Houston, TX; Mountain Pine in Plainview, AR; Tex-Tin in Texas City, TX; RSR in Dallas, TX; Sheridan in Hempstead, TX; Bailey Waste in Bridge City, TX; Crystal Chemical in Houston,

TX; Gulf State Utilities in Lake Charles, LA; Prewitt Abandoned Refinery in Prewitt, NM; North Railroad in Espanola, NM; and, Tar Creek in Ottawa County, OK.

4. 0829 - On August 29 (Tentative), Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to participate in K10: The Power of Community. The program will commemorate the 10 year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Closed Press, New Orleans, LA.

5. 0831 - From August 31-September 2, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to participate in the Environmental Council of States Meeting. RA Curry has been asked to speak with Region 8 Administrator Shaun McGrath on the topic of unconventional oil and gas. Closed Press, Newport, RI.

6. 0914 - On September 14, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry and Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola will speak at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Little Rock Main Street Creative Corridor Project. Open Press, Little Rock, AR.

7. 0921 - On September 21, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry will attend the Border 2020 National Coordinators Meeting hosted by EPA and the Mexican Environmental and Natural Resources Ministry. Closed Press, El Paso, TX.

8. 0924 - On September 24 – 25, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry will discuss air quality and climate change at the Children's Environmental Health Symposium. Closed Press, El Paso, TX.

9. 0927 - On September 27, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to participate at the Interstate Oil and Gas Commission Meeting. Closed Press, Oklahoma City, OK.

10. 0929 - On Sept. 29, EPA will finalize the designation for the Los Alamos Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Closed Press, Los Alamos, NM.

11. 1022 - On October 22, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to speak at the Louisiana Chemical Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA, Closed Press.

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